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1. In early June 1954, [] ship entered Soviet territorial water off Ruuskeri Island (N 60-00, E 26-36), it hoisted the Soviet flag on the foremast and the national flag aft, and kept both flying until Leningrad was reached. 25X1
2. From Ruuskeri Island, the course for Leningrad was run as follows:

102° true, distance run 10.2 nautical miles as far as the south spit of Sursari Island (N 60-05, E 27-00).

60° true, distance run 27.7 nautical miles to approximately four miles east of Sommeri Island (N 60-12, E 27-38).

103° true, distance run 9.8 nautical miles as far as the western border of the mine field, which was marked by a large red and white light buoy designated No. 1 and moored in position N 60-02, E 28-30. It was charted as No. 34. It flashed red every three seconds and was fitted with a radar reflector device.
3. In contrast to the buoys charted, only the following buoys were actually moored on the direct approaches to Leningrad lightship:

91° true, distance run seven miles as far as light buoy No. 2, a red and white buoy. Characteristics: one white flash every five seconds.

91° true, distance run eight miles as far as light buoy No. 3. Characteristics: one white flash every five seconds; in addition, a radar reflector.

89° true, distance 13.3 miles as far as Leningrad lightship. Characteristics: alternating light, white and red, every 50 seconds.
4. The lightship was moored in its charted position. A red spar buoy surmounted by a black ball, moored about one and one-half miles northwest of the lightship, marked the position of two large mooring buoys, which probably were provided for

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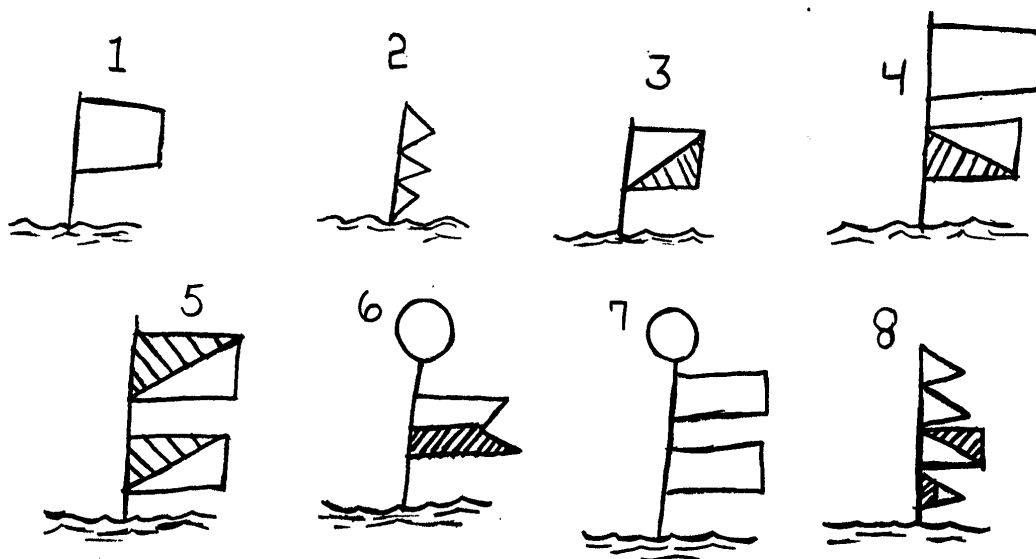
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large naval vessels. A white and red bell buoy with a radar reflector, showing a red flash every two seconds, was moored 200 meters southwest of the lightship. The pilot who took over the ship at Leningrad lightship stated that the maximum draft for Leningrad was 27 feet.

5. On 8 June, a row of special seamarks with different topmarks was seen on the 15 mile stretch between light buoy No. 1 and light buoy No. 31. These seamarks, which were about two meters high, lined the southern edge of the approach channel. A total of 25 seamarks of this type was counted. On 15 June the seamarks which had been sighted on 8 June were gone.

Seamarks Observed on 8 June



Legend:

1. Red flag observed four times, black flag observed once.
2. Three multicolored pennants, one above the other, observed once.
3. White and blue flag, observed five times.
4. Red flag above a white and black flag, observed once.
5. Two black and yellow flags, one above the other, observed once.
6. Yellow and blue pennant surmounted by a black ball, observed once.
7. Two red flags, one above the other, and surmounted by a black ball, observed once.
8. A red pennant superior to a black and yellow flag, which was, in turn, superior to a red and yellow pennant, observed once.

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